Boston, March 16. 1853.

Dear Mr Webb, We have been subjected to a further delay in sending our box. The Ship, which was to have sailed on the 10th inst., was kept back, and is now announced positively for the 21st. I presume she will sail then, and if so will take our box. — The delay however was fortunate for us; for, on account of very frequent corrections of his Speech, & additions thereto, made by W. Phillips, (he being all the while 100 miles off - at Northampton) our printers were so hindered in their work, that we could not have had the Annual Report, & the Speech of Mr Phillips, in season to send by the ~~ship~~ Ship, had it sailed on the 10th, & we should hardly have been willing to send the box without these. They are now ready, the printers having delivered them yesterday.

The delay also enables me to acknowledge the receipt of yours, ~~&~~ accompanying the Address &c. of the Dublin Meeting. We shall try to put this to a good use. Would to God the Irish heart, in this country, could be turned to a compassionate feeling for the Slave. But evil & designing men have worked on their ignorance & vanity, (representing the nigger as their inferior, as of every white man), and on their poverty & need, representing him as their rival, in labour, — so that, with here & there an exception, we get no help from the Irish.

I forwarded last week your note to Ohio. I have sent to N. York, for 12 cop. "Am". Slavery, as it is", but there is scarcely a chance of getting even 2 copies. Mrs. Stowe's "Key" will probably quite take its place. The "Key" is not yet published. — I have not time now to tell you

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how Mrs. Stowe stands towards "the Boston Abolitionists", but I will endeavour to slip some lines into the box. Suffice it now to say she has had frequent interviews with W. L. G. & has expressed her regard for him, & confessed to quite a change of opinion & feeling towards him. She seems to be inclined to be fair & just — yet strongly swayed by her Sectarian (which she thinks religious) feelings & partialities. I hope she will be as frank in Scotland, &c as she has been, by letter, to W. L. G. & W. Phillips.

J. M. McKim is a most excellent, true, & sensible man. I do not esteem him great as a speaker. I believe he does not like to speak in public, yet can do it, sensibly, clearly, and distinctively. In many respects, he would be a very excellent representation of our cause in Gt. Britain. I do not think he would attract large meetings, but in private & social intercourse, it would be hard to find a better man. — As to your suggestion about G. K. Whipple's Essays, I will think of it.

Now I must stop — as the mail for today's Steamship soon closes.

Truly & affectionately
Yours
Sam. May Jr.

Sent by Train's Packet-Ship "Parliament" to sail hence 21st inst.

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